(d) if so, what steps are being taken (a) It has not been possible to some other area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) It has not been possible to locate an alternative site for dumping the garbage.

(b) The refuse is collected regularly to avoid insanitation and pollution.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The owner of H. No. 13, South Extension Part-I has filed a suit in the Court and matter is subjudice.

Persons Killed by terrorists in Punjab

299. SHRI KALPNATH RAI:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of persons killed at different places in Punjab by terrorists since the imposition of President's rule there;

(b) what is the number of terrorists killed/wounded in that State during this period;

(c) what is the number of security personnel killed/seriously wounded by terrorists during the above period; and

(d) what steps are being taken to improve the law and order situation and eliminate terrorism in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) During the period 12th May, 1987 to 22nd July, 1987, 224 persons, including 21 policemen, were killed due to terrorist activities in Punjab, 104 terrorists were killed in the State during the period.

The information regarding the number of terrorists and policemen injured is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) The steps taken to improve law and order situation and to curb terrorist activities in Punjab include raid on the hide-outs of terrorists, their harbourers and associates; deployment of para-military forces; intensification of police patrolling, confering of powers of search arrests, etc. under the Armed Forces (Punjab and Chandigarh) Special Powers Act, 1983, to para-military forces, and strengthening of security arrangements on the border

Forest Depletion

300. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO:
SHRI G. SWAMY NAIK:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the rate at which forests are being depleted annually;

(b) as against the target of afforestation of 5 million hectares of land every year, what is the actual achievement during 1985-86 and 1986-87;

(c) what is the estimate of funds needed for taking up afforestation of land of 5 million hectares every year; and

(d) what are the reasons for the shortfall and what steps have been taken to improve the area under forest cover during the coming years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) According to studies of satellite